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Dear Joshua,

Very many thanks for putting me onto the Holman reference about "second set" reactions. I did know about this work, but too late to work into any of my public lectures. As a matter of fact, I have never understood the fuss that people have made over this so-called second set reaction, because the principle underlying it was really established by the tumour transplanters in the early 1900's! My own demonstration owed its importance mainly to the fact that old Leo Loerb had flatly denied that anything of the kind occurred with homografts of normal tissue. Anyhow, I shall certainly work in a reference to Holman at the next suitable opportunity.

I got back from Stockholm last night in a somewhat stuporose condition; George Klein was in good form and his young people are doing excellent work. If it is not an altogether ridiculous ambition, I am rather looking forward to undertaking a little scientific research myself in the not too distant future!

Yours ever,

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Your advice about the ceremony etc. was really weful.